

Myrtle Beach. Believing that the media gives a one-sided and distraught view, Ms. Steele gave birth to the idea after hearing of a similar program in Louisville, Kentucky. The group focuses on the ideas that the anti-Bush, anti-war mentality is currently in the minority, and that regardless of the circumstances, American troops need all the support that can be mustered during this crucial time. Within an hour of making her first phone call, Ms. Steele already had the backing of ten people, and the total force has increased since then. I am proud of the efforts of the North Myrtle Beach Republican Club and wish to applaud their actions. In my opinion, they are the epitome of American patriotism, and their zeal should give hope to all who call themselves Americans.

HONORING CITY OF LIVONIA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, MICHAEL BAILEY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, Firefighter Michael Bailey, recently named City of Livonia Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Bailey has served the City of Livonia with great pride and courage since 1995.

On September 16, 2002, Firefighter Bailey answered a call to a pedestrian injury accident. Upon arrival, he found a young male patient lying in the roadway who suffered significant head trauma and multiple fractures requiring immediate attention. Realizing the patient's airway was compromised as a result of his injuries, Firefighter Bailey began aggressive intervention to ventilate the patient. Recognizing the patient would require the services of a Trauma Center for definitive treatment, Firefighter Bailey immediately requested a helicopter for transport. This action saved considerable time the patient would not have had available.

Mr. Speaker, Firefighter Bailey is a hero to the people of Livonia, Michigan and the United States. I extend my sincere appreciation to Firefighter Bailey for making our community a safer place.

A CALL FOR PRAYER ON THE EVE OF WAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening on what may be the eve of war. Like so many Americans, my prayers are with our men and women in uniform who so bravely and honorably prepare to fight the evils in this world in order to insure the continued safety and wellbeing of friends, family and citizens of this great Nation. On this day, my thoughts are also with our President and our other leaders of this great Nation upon whose shoulders the burden of these decisions falls.

I was recently given a prayer written by Jeff Stewart, a close personal friend and lay leader

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile Alabama. The following prayer will be delivered at an ecumenical service in Mobile with the cooperation of four local churches.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in lifting this prayer to our Lord God in hopes that it will provide strength and reassurance to our President and our armed forces.

"Help us, Lord, not be anxious about anything." During this time of pending war and the death that will surely come to our Service men, women and civilians. Give us Your peace and the power to invoke Your love and strength, "but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, we present our request to You" that those that will lose their lives will find the comfort of Your presence and Your peace. "O God which transcends all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 6-7)

We seek not war but peace and we know that You, O God, can bring peace if it is Your will; therefore, we put our trust in You and we know that "You are the Lord, the God of all mankind. And nothing is too difficult for you." (Jer 32:37) Amen.

Be sober, be vigilant, because our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. As we seek to do God's will, we must deliberately make ourselves subject one to another and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud and giveth the grace to be humbled. Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt us in due time, casting all our cares upon Him, for He careth for us all.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Jeff Stewart for this thoughtful prayer and the comfort it provides during these times of needed guidance and wisdom—words from the heart and words from which we may all benefit.

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER OF THE YEAR, D/SGT. EVERETT TORLEY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, D/Sgt. Everett Torley, recently named City of Livonia Michigan State Trooper of the Year. D/Sgt. Torley has distinguished himself as an outstanding resource for the criminal justice community in southeast Michigan.

His knowledge in his field of service is unsurpassed in this state. He is one of only three persons in the State of Michigan trained and certified in forensic video clarification by the FBI. Those skills have been used to solve numerous crimes, most recently ending a string of local robberies.

As a testament of his expertise, D/Sgt. Torley has been asked to serve as an instructor at the FBI Academy in the Law Enforcement Video Association. As an instructor, D/Sgt. Torley will be instrumental in teaching forensic video clarification to law enforcement officers around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to D/Sgt. Everett Torley for making our state and our country a safer place.

HONORING THE CITY OF LIVONIA POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR BRIAN DUFFANY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated Michigan resident, Police Officer Brian Duffany, recently named City of Livonia Police Officer of the Year. Officer Duffany has served the City of Livonia with great pride and courage since 1991.

On January 14, 2002, Officer Duffany received a dispatch call stating a robbery had taken place at a nearby restaurant. While on patrol, Officer Duffany observed a vehicle and driver matching the bulletin's description and attempted to stop the vehicle for questioning. The suspect attempted to flee, but after striking two civilian cars the chase continued on foot. Officer Duffany quickly apprehended the suspect, who was still carrying a revolver in his pants pocket.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Brian Duffany is a hero to the people of Livonia, Michigan and the United States. I extend my sincere appreciation to him for making our community a safer place.

CONGRATULATING MR. CHARLES J. TODD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Court Security Officer (CSO) Charles J. Todd for his quick thinking and courage in his recent arrest of a wanted criminal. His quick actions have earned him the U.S. Marshal's CSO of the Year Award.

On July 9, 2002, a violent homicide was committed in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Three suspects were charged in the homicide and two were arrested immediately. The third suspect, Francis Kelly, remained at large. On July 12, CSO Todd viewed a wanted poster for the third suspect at the beginning of his shift. Later that day, Todd observed an individual who met Kelly's description, as the subject was walking toward him down a street with heavy pedestrian traffic. CSO Todd used a ruse to get the subject to identify himself and then detained him until back-up units arrived.

CSO Todd's attention to detail and dedication to duty and bravery deprived Francis Kelly the opportunity to kill again. CSO Todd's actions were not only a positive reflection on himself and the Court Security Officer program, but also on the United States Marshals Service.

Mr. Speaker, CSO Todd has clearly displayed his bravery and sense of duty in this action. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his commitment to excellence and his desire to see justice carried out. I would also like to ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him good fortune in his new position as Site Supervisor with the CSO contracting firm.